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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

CARRIED OVER

ONTP

ENACTMENT FAILED

INDEF PP

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Bill carried over to Second Session

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin.

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component of this bill requires the court to consider the placement wishes of a child at least 12 years of age in making placement decisions.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-279) strikes sections of the bill shortening the review period for final protection orders and providing for a jury trial in hearings involving the termination of parental rights.

LD 214 **An Act to Ensure That Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts Is the Property of the Clients** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CARR ONTP

SUMMARY

The bill would have required that any net interest earned on lawyers' client funds, other than retainers and advances for copies and costs, must be paid to the client. The bill would have made funding of nonprofit corporations with Interest On Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) money illegal. The language tracks the current wording of the Maine Bar Rules.

LD 221 **An Act to Clarify the Liability of Fire Chiefs** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
LORD ONTP

SUMMARY

The bill would have ensured that a fire chief would not be held liable under the Maine Tort Claims Act for merely negligent acts or omissions of the firefighters in the department or association within the course and scope of employment.

LD 227 **An Act to Increase the Days on Which Protective Custody Hearings Are Held** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CASHMAN ONTP
DORE

SUMMARY

The bill would have required that courts schedule all types of child protective hearings every day that the court is in session.

LD 240 **An Act to Change the Statutory Provisions Applying to the Dissemination of the Records and Reports Maintained by the State Police** PUBLIC 376

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CLUKEY OTP-AM H-618

SUMMARY

Currently, there is a specific law governing the records and reports of the Bureau of State Police that makes all of the bureau's records and reports, except certain stated ones, confidential. There is also a